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**PHOTOMASK ASSEMBLY AND METHOD
FOR PROTECTING THE SAME FROM
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A LITHOGRAPHY PROCESS**

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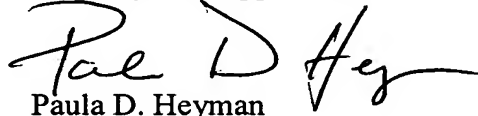
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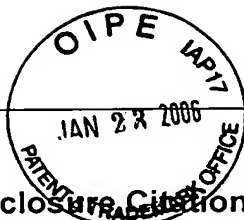
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